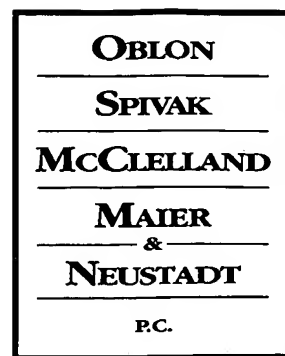




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Group Art Unit: 1616

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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 19, 2006, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-7 and 11, for prosecution. Applicants further elect the species of an inorganic salt for B, as the species for examination purposes only.

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